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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 129
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ms. Eve Bilbrey's second grade class at the Charlotte Park School in Nashville for their recent scholastic accomplishment in the Read Across America program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee stands firmly committed to the education of our state's children; one catalyst for the growth of our students' future academic success is the promotion of reading which results in a love for books and the knowledge that abounds from reading; and

WHEREAS, if a love of reading is firmly established during a child's youth, that child will be better prepared for the future: his or her scholastic achievements will increase, meaningful employment will be more readily available and his or her ability to compete in the ever-growing global economy will be greatly enhanced; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Eve Bilbrey, a second-grade teacher at Charlotte Park School in Nashville, and the administration at Charlotte Park School, including Principal Juanita Lockert, have provided significant leadership in generating community involvement in the education of our youth; their sterling leadership is grounded in the sound principle that educational investment is instrumental to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Read Across America campaign, a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday held on March 2nd of this year, reading and adult involvement in children's education were aggressively promoted in the Charlotte Park School where students read a total of 8,306 books; the students in Ms. Bilbrey's second grade class read an astonishing 908 books this year; and

WHEREAS, the students were encouraged to set a goal for the number of books they would read each week; when a student finished a particular book, an accelerated reader comprehension test for the book was administered to the child on a computer; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the program, the students improved their reading comprehension and fluency and developed a love of reading in the process; and

WHEREAS, the pupils in Ms. Bilbrey's class are Brandy McCoy, Briana Kenley, Chelsea Espinoza, Dominique Summers, Helen Michael, Holly Maggard, Jalesa Bush, Jasmina Ajdinovic, Justin Luna, Macey Steele, Markilan Yarbrough, Rashad Thornton, Talmadge Sparks, and Tyrus Anderson; and

WHEREAS, these students' collective display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for their future success as individuals; and

WHEREAS, these students' noteworthy achievement of reading a combined 908 books for the Read Across America program is a tremendous source of pride for their parents; their school and Principal Juanita Lockert; their teacher, Ms. Eve Bilbrey; and their community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bilbrey and her second-grade class's dedication to excellence and to furthering their knowledge, thereby developing a love of reading, is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Ms. Bilbrey's second-grade class at Charlotte Park School on their impressive academic achievement of reading 908 books while participating in the NEA's Read Across America program, and extend to each student our congratulations on this remarkable feat and our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.